West Side High School

Sophomore Science Class

Grand Canyon

Science Exploration Trip

I wanted to share information with you about my upcoming science exploration trip. My sophomore class has worked hard to raise money in preparation for this exciting trip. We are looking forward to learning a lot of information and have great experiences in the Grand Canyon through this opportunity.

After a night traveling on the bus we will eat breakfast in Page and then onto our floating raft experience down a very calm portion of the Colorado River. During our rafting experience we will be instructed on the geology and travel the path that begins the Grand Canyon. Stopping to see ancient petroglyphs and traveling through the famous Horseshoe Bend area will be the educational highlights of the day.

After a picnic lunch at Lees Ferry we'll board the bus again and stop at Wupatki and Sunset Crater National Monument to learn more about the fascinating geological and archaeological history of our great state. Dinner will be in Flagstaff and then we will check into a local motel.

The second day we will travel to the South Entrance of the Grand Canyon and have the opportunity to enjoy the following activities: an IMAX movie “Hidden Secrets of the Grand Canyon,” a guided nature hike along the south rim where we will learn more about the local flora and fauna, geology, and history of this treasure of the southwest, and a visit to the Desert View overlook to see another inspiring view of one of the natural wonders of the world.

Our final stop will be for dinner in Flagstaff and then we will return home. I am excited about this opportunity and want to thank everyone who participated in our many fund raisers. The whole sophomore class is thankful for this exciting occasion.